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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

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Intelligence Report

Political January 26, 1934.

Movement of Notables

To Nanking
Departed at 3 p.m. January 25 :-
Tsai Yuan-pei, member of the Supervisory Yuan.
From Nanking
Arrived at 11.50 p.m. January 25 :-
Chen Nyi, Chairman of the Fokien Provincial Government.
Arrived at 8 a.m. January 26 :-
Li Shih-cha, Vice Minister of Navy.

Chinese Bar Association - meeting

Fourteen members of the Chinese Bar Association held a meeting in their office, 572 Rue Amiral Bayle, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. January 25, and decided to convene a general meeting on February 25 as well as to despatch a telegram urging the 4th Plenary Session now being held at Nanking to devise definite measures to strengthen national defence in various provinces bordering on China Proper.

Anti-Fascist and Anti-Imperialist Propaganda

Copies of a coloured paper slip purporting to emanate from the Western District Branch of the Shanghai Anti-Imperialist League and dated December 30, were found scattered on Haiphong Road near Ferry Road at 8.10 p.m. January 25. It contains the following slogans :-

1. Oppose the "terrorist" policy of the Kuomintang Fascists in arresting some 70 students and teachers !
2. Demand the immediate release of the whole body of students under arrest !
3. Form a Support Committee, despatch a circular telegram, and solicit contributions in support of the students in custody!
4. Kill the Fascist leader Chiang Kai-shek and other Fascist bandits who sold Manchuria, Jehol, North China and East Charhar.
5. Oppose the invasion of East Charhar by the Japanese Imperialists !
6. Struggle for freedom in speech, assembly, anti-Imperialist movement, etc.
7. Let the students unite ! Let them save themselves !

Communist Propaganda - One arrest

At 7.45 p.m. January 25, the Municipal Police, at the request of the Chinese Authorities, arrested a communist suspect named Woo Kya-liang (吳家良) alias Lao Waung (老汪) alias Wong Tsung (黄正) on Haining Road near Chapoo Road.

The accused, who is stated by the Shanghai Bureau of Public Safety to be the Chief Secretary of the Kiangsu Provincial Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, will appear before Court on January 26 when an application for his extradition will be made by the Chinese Authorities.

Communist Propaganda Addressed to Foreign Troops in Shanghai

Communist handbills printed in English and addressed to "English and American Soldiers and Sailors" have recently been disseminated in British and American Military Camps in the Western District. Like leaflets in Japanese and addressed to members of the Naval Landing Party have also been distributed in the vicinity of North Szechuen Road Extension. This literature, which purports to emanate from the Military Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, is of the usual nature, calling upon foreign troops to support the Soviet Union and overthrow imperialism.

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Labour

January 26, 1934.

Wei Foong Rubber Shoe Factory - operations suspended

The Wei Foong Rubber Shoe Factory which is located at 215 Holung Road, suddenly closed down at 1 p.m. January 25, affecting a total of 239 hands. It is believed that the suspension was due to trade depression. The management did not enlighten its employees as to the reason for the suspension and it is learned that the Manager has absconded.

Shanghai Tug & Lighter Company - Strike called off

The 580 men of crews of the 102 lighters of the Wheelock & Co., Contractor for the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co. who declared a strike on January 23, resumed work at 10 a.m. January 25 on the management promising not to dismiss any strikers.

In connection with the fight on January 23 which resulted in eight of the strikers and the followers of Nyi Wei Yang (倪惠洋), the Chinese Chief Engineer of the Company, being injured and one of the latter party drowned, the workers have decided to bring the case before Court for a settlement. At the same time, they are agitating for the dismissal of Nyi on the ground that he employed a non-union member and was the prime mover in the trouble.

Shanghai Radio Administration, 565 Min Kuo Road, City - employees' cooperative union holds meeting

Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. January 25, some eighty employees of the Shanghai Radio Administration, 565 Min Kuo Road, City, held a dinner party under the auspices of their Employees' Cooperative Union, in the Koo Yih Sien (古益仙) Szechuen Restaurant, 204 Hankow Road. Matters pertaining to the work of the Union were discussed at the meeting.

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Miscellaneous

Price of Rice

The wholesale price of Chinese Rice ranges from $6.60 to $7.80 per picul this morning and the retail prices quoted by local rice shops are as follows :-

	Chinese Rice	Saigon Rice
Best Quality ...	$8.00	$7.50
Good " ...	$7.40	$7.00
Ordinary " ...	$6.80	$6.50

Hot Water Shops in Eastern District - to increase

It is learned that the proprietors of hot water shops situated between Lay Road and Chusan Road will hold a dinner party on January 29 in the Hwa Ping (华 平) Restaurant, No.558-60-62 Pingliang Road, to decide the question of increasing the charges for hot water. The office of these shop owners at No.352 Pingliang Road has prepared a notice announcing to the public an increase of 40% to 50% in the charges for hot water supplied.

Chinese Cigarette Factory Owners - to demand relief

Some twenty Chinese who claimed to be cigarette factory owners held a tea party in the Central Restaurant, 330 Foochow Road, between 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. January 25. Oo Ting-sung (鄔 挺 生), a committee member of the Chinese Cigarette Factory Owners' Association, No.72 Ziang Kang Li, Lyburgh Road, who presided over the function, reported that in view of trade depression, the Ministry of Finance which was requested to arrange a loan of $500,000.00 for the relief of cigarette factories in Shanghai, had promised to appropriate $300,000.00 for this purpose. It was eventually decided to ask the Ministry to hand the money over to the Association without delay.

Residents in Tung Hai Li, Tungchow Road - oppose disconnection of water supply

Some thirty tenants of the houses of the Tung Hai Li (通 海 里), Tung Chow Road, held a meeting in House No.23 in the Alleyway, between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. January 25 and decided that should the landlord fail to have the water supply to the alleyway, which was disconnected on December 19, 1933 (Vide I.R. 21/12/33) reconnected in the near future, the residents be instructed to withhold payment of rentals.

These residents were requested by the landlord to pay $4.00 per month extra as water charges as from October 1, 1933. The tenants however refused to comply with the request on the ground that water charges are included in the rent and should therefore be defrayed by the landlord. They are at present using water from street hydrants.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
SPECIAL BRANCH

February 1, 1934.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Political

Movement of Notables

To Nanking

Departed at 12 m.n. January 31/February 1 :-
Ma Tsao-tsing, member of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang.

From Nanking

Arrived at 8 a.m. February 1 :-
Huang Shao-yung, Minister of Interior.
Chen Tsai, member of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang.

To Hangchow

Departed at 9.30 a.m. January 31 by road :-
Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.
General Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Chenju Station from Nanking at 12.20 a.m. February 1 and left for Hangchow by road at 3 a.m.

Communist Propaganda - Prosecutions

The seven persons arrested by the Municipal Police during the night of January 26/27, 1934 on a charge of propagating communism (Vide I.R. 27/1/34) appeared on remand before the Second Branch Kiangsu High Court on January 31 when they were ordered to be extradited to the Chinese Authorities.

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Labour

Unloading of rice on Soochow Creek - resumed

The unloading of rice from boats on the Soochow Creek is normal this morning, February 1.

At 10 a.m. January 31, the Chapei Rice Dealers' Association held an urgent meeting in its office, 212 Kulung Road, Chapei, when some 100 Chinese including representatives from the Bureau of Public Safety attended. The disturbances by the rice porters were discussed and on advice given by the delegates of the Public Safety Bureau, it was decided to resume business on the following conditions pending a settlement of the dispute by the Authorities:-

1. That the Chapei Police render protection.
2. That the Bureau of Public Safety notify the S.M.P. to give protection to wheelbarrow coolies transporting rice to the Settlement.

This decision resulted in 33 Rice Hongs on Kwang Foh Road near the Stone Bridge which suspended business on January 30, resuming operations at 11.30 a.m. January 31 under the protection of some 40 constables of the Bureau of Public Safety.

At 10 a.m. January 31, the Bureau of Social Affairs issued a notice to the coolies concerned warning them against creating further disturbance. The notice further states that the Bureau is arranging to secure work for the porters in various rice hongs.

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Silver Smiths in Chinese Territory - "tai-kung" strike continues

The "tai-kung" strike situation in various silver smith shops in Nantao and Chapei remains unchanged this morning, February 1.

In the evening of January 30, some eight members of the Investigation Corps formed by the "Tai-Kung" Strike Committee entered the Sung Ping Kee (孫炳記) and Wong Yung Zai (王永才) Silver Smith Shops on Wen Miao Road and Ling Ying Road, Nantao, respectively, and smashed some furniture because they alleged the apprentices in these concerns were carrying on operations in secret. The assistance of the Chinese Police was called but the intruders fled before their arrival on the scene.

Six members of the "Tai-kung" Strike Committee held a meeting in the Silver Smiths' Union at 59 Tsih Zoen Sz Loong, City, between 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. January 31, and passed the following resolutions:

1. That the local Kuomintang and the Bureau of Social Affairs be further requested to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the dispute.
2. That all members be notified to remain in Shanghai during the period of the "Tai-kung" strike.
3. That the Sung Ping Kee and Wong Yung Zai Shops be warned against further attempts to break the "tai-kung" strike, and that they be held responsible for losses sustained by the Union.

Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co. - Pootung Engine Works and Shipyard - Unrest removed

In compliance with the request of the workers of the Pootung Engine Works and Shipyard of the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Company, delegates of the Bureau of Social Affairs, the General Labour Union, and representatives of the 5th District Ship-Building Trade Union at Pootung, negotiated with representatives of the management in the morning of January 31 over the renewal of the agreement governing the terms of service of employees (Vide I.R. 19/1/34). It was finally decided that with the exception of the term relating to increase of wages, the present agreement be continued for one year. The management was of the opinion that an increase in wages could not be granted to their employees until business improves.

General Labour Union - to convene meeting of representatives of local labour unions to oppose change of name

The General Labour Union, 117 Foo Yeu Road, City, will convene a meeting of committee members and representatives of local labour unions for 2 p.m. February 3 in a room which will be registered under the name of Ling Tseng Kee (林增記), in the Dah Woo (大滬) Hotel, 345 Avenue Edward VII, French Concession, with a view to discussing means to oppose the change of name of the General Labour Union as instructed by the Ministry of Industry.

Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co. - crews demand annual bonus

At 10.30 a.m. January 31, two Chinese claiming to represent the crews of the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co. called on the management at the office of the Company, 2 Quai de France, and asked for the issue of an annual bonus of one month's wages. This demand was rejected by the management on the ground that no such bonus had ever been issued and that owing to business depression the Company could not afford the bonus. The representatives then left.

Dah Chung Hwa Rubber Factory - ex-workers appeal to Bureau of Social Affairs

At 2.15 p.m. January 31, nine ex-workers of the Dah Chung Hwa Rubber Factory, 1102 Route de Ziccawei, proceeded to the Bureau of Social Affairs at the New Civic Centre, and appealed to the authorities for assistance in securing re-employment in the concern. In reply, a staff member who received them stated that efforts would be made to bring about a settlement. It will be recalled that these unemployed workers were arrested by the French Police for intimidation on January 28 and were released by the Court on January 29.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company - tallymen on s.s. "Suiwo" declare strike

With a view to enforcing a demand for the reinstatement of one of their comrades named Yih Soong-tsing (羊松春), who was dismissed in December 1933, eleven tallymen employed on the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company s.s. "Suiwo" declared a "tai-kung" strike when the vessel arrived at Hunts Wharf at 6 p.m. on January 31. The unloading of the vessel was carried out with the assistance of the godown tallymen. The "tai-kung" strike still continues this morning.

Heng Foong Silk Weaving Factory

The 92 workers of the Heng Foong Silk Weaving Factory, Lane 464 Nos. 42/58 Yulin Road, who declared a strike on January 30 to enforce a demand for restoration of their former rate of pay (Vide I.R. 31/1/34), resumed unconditionally at 3 p.m. January 31, as a result of mediation by the Bureau of Social Affairs.

These workers however did not turn up this morning, February 1. The first day of a month is usually observed as a holiday but the management notified its employees on January 31 to work as usual. It is believed that their absence is instigated by several agitators.

Candle Makers' Union - meeting

Some 10 committee members of the above mentioned Union held a meeting in their office, 3 Zao Chow Road, Nantao, between 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. January 31, when the following decisions were passed :-

1. That two representatives be assigned to call on the local Kuomintang and the Bureau of Social Affairs on February 1 and request the authorities to intercede on behalf of the workers in connection with their demands for an increase in wages and the conclusion of a labour agreement.
2. That local Kuomintang be further requested to instruct the employers in the trade to refrain from dismissing workers on the approach of the Chinese New Year.

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The average prices of rice for the month of January, 1934 are as above.

New Weights and Measures - adopted by Customs

The local Chinese Maritime Customs issued a notice on January 31 announcing that new weights and measures would be adopted by the Customs beginning from February 1.

Rent Reduction Movement

Sixteen members of the 8th Branch of the 2nd Special District Citizens' Federation held a meeting in their office, 9 Shun Teh Li (順德里), Rue Pere Robert, between 4 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. January 31, when the following resolutions were passed :-

1. That the French Concession Chinese Ratepayers' Association and the 2nd Special District Citizens' Federation be requested to ask the French Municipal Authorities to prohibit the operation of dog-racing and Hai Alai in the Concession and that a circular be issued exhorting Chinese to refrain from attending such gambling places.
2. That a rent reduction committee be formed to conduct the rent reduction movement in the district covered by the Branch.
3. That in connection with the dispute over rent between the landlord and tenants of Sing Nyi Faung (新義坊), Rue Bourgeat, in which the former decided to impose and increase of 10%, while the latter are demanding a reduction of 20%, the tenants in question be notified to stop payment of rent to the landlord but deposit same according to the present rate in banks pending a settlement of the dispute.

Forty-eight members of Tao Teh Li (道德里) (Rue Kraetzer) Section of the 3rd District Branch of the 2nd Special District Citizens' Federation, 39 Avenue Foch, held a meeting in the office of the 2nd Special District Citizens' Federation, 434 Rue Auguste Boppe, between 8.30 p.m. and 11.10 p.m. January 31. Loh Ching-dz (陸京士), a committee member of the local Kuomintang, who is a resident at 34 Tao Teh Li, Rue Kraetzer, reported that he had an interview with the landlord Sung Suh-mei (沈叔眉), at his office at 74 Rue du Consulat, at 3 p.m. January 30 and that the latter promised to reduce the rent of each house by $5 a month. Discussion took place and it was decided to demand a reduction of 40% and to collect $5 from each house as a fund to carry out agitation for rent reduction. The rent collecting agent is D.H. Benjamin & Co., 259 Kiangse Road.

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